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SHERIER TELLS WRIGHT PROBE OF RULINGS IN THREE CASES

Attorney Tells House Committee of Rejection of Requests for Instruction to Jury by Justice.

Counsel Wrangle Over Admissibility of Stenographer's Transcript as Evidence—R. L. Williams Called.

Attorney Joseph T. Sherier today related to the subcommittee investigating the Wright impeachment charges three instances in which he construed Justice Wright's rulings on motions and on the admissibility of certain evidence as "arbitrary." Mr. Sherier told of his connection with the Booth-Simms case, in which he said Justice Wright refused four prayers for instructions to the jury because they were too many.

"The witness related his part in the case," he said, "and the jury refused to take official notice of the statute of West Virginia. The third case cited was that entitled Grooms v. DuPerou, in which Mr. Sherier objected to the admissibility of a memorandum. He said the court admitted the evidence objected to."

Stenographer Testifies.
Preceding Mr. Sherier on the stand was Miss Edith MacCartee, a stenographer, who appeared before the committee voluntarily to defend intimations previously made that her alleged inexperience made doubtful the accuracy of her transcript of Justice Wright's charge to the jury in the Booth-Simms case.

Miss MacCartee's Protest.
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"I read in The Times," she said, "that somebody here said I was incompetent and that I would keep lawyers from winning my case. Some of them think because I am small that I am too young to take a case. Just because I am small a good many people think I am experienced; that I am only sixteen years old. If the committee should hear me, I should dress in the boy's clothes they might take him for a boy."

How old are you, Miss MacCartee?
"I am nearly twenty-two," she replied. "I have taken a good many important cases. Not long ago I took a brief for the attorney general of Pennsylvania who was here, and he said I was all right. I have my family to support and don't want to be said to be anybody that I am incompetent, because I have got to make a living."

Lawyers In Clash.
Miss MacCartee's testimony was interrupted by a sharp clash between Chairman McCoy and Attorney Darling.

Mr. Darling asked Miss MacCartee if she took everything down in the Booth-Simms case. She said there was a good deal of talk at the end of the case. "I think I got down about everything," she said.

Do you remember that Lawyer Sherier handed in some prayers? asked Attorney Darling.

Just a minute; I object to this sort of thing," said Mr. McCoy. "I think it is improper for you to ask this young girl leading questions of that sort."

"Well, I'll put it this way. Do you know anything about prayers being handed in by Mr. Sherier?" asked Mr. McCoy.

"I don't remember. I think so," said the stenographer.

Asked to Resign, Recorder Complies

Henry Lincoln Johnson, Colored Republican, in Charge of Deeds at Court House, Acted Promptly—Senators Hoke Smith and Vardaman Want White Man Named for Place.

Henry Lincoln Johnson, colored, has resigned as Recorder of Deeds of the District, and his resignation has been accepted.

"The office belonged to the Democratic Administration and when I was asked to resign I did so promptly," explained Johnson today. "I had intended to resign soon anyway to resume my law practice in Georgia and organize the Republican machine in that State for the next campaign."

At the Department of Justice it was said an investigation of the office of Recorder of Deeds had been made at the direction of the President, who was furnished with a report of the inquiry. It was declared no charges had been filed against Johnson.

When a report became current today that a colored man would be selected as successor of Johnson, Senators Hoke Smith of Georgia and Vardaman of Mississippi began preparations for a fight.

CALLED UNPROGRESSIVE.

Johnson's resignation, it is said by friends of the President, was requested on the strength of representations made to the Department of Justice that the affairs of the office were not being conducted in a "progressive fashion."

As soon as he received the request for his resignation, Johnson at once acted on it, and asked that it be made effective July 1.

The President's determination to name a colored man as Johnson's successor is held with a policy first adopted by President Cleveland. This policy has been consistently followed, despite attacks by members of Congress from Southern States.

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He reiterated that the statement given out yesterday by Justice Lamar, one of the American delegates, represented the unalterable position of the United States. Minister Naon promised to repeat this to his colleagues and to the Huertista delegates, and to do his best to save mediation.

Huerta Seeks War
If Mediation Fails
VERA CRUZ, June 20.—By some deliberate overt act to try to force armed American intervention in Mexico if mediation fails, was declared here today to be Huerta's latest plan.

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One-fourth of the estate of Jacob M. Healey is left only to the terms of his will, dated May 10, last, and filed today, to other relatives whom my administrators may deem needy as they may decide and such others they deem just.

One-half the estate is left to a son, Eugene C. Healey, and the remaining one-fourth to another son, Willard Healey. Eugene C. Healey and Edwin Ludwin are named as the executors.

Senator Pomerene of Ohio, one of the Senators who owns stock in the Gold Hill Consolidated Company, promoted by Walter George N. Wiman, and boomed on Senate stationery, has asked to be excused from participating in the forthcoming Senate investigation and Senator Kern, chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, has granted the request.

WILSON PLAYS GOLF WHILE PEACE PLANS NEAR CRISIS

President Calmly Makes It Clear He Will Not Recede From Demand Transmitted to Minister Naon.

Insists Huerta Must Be Eliminated—Officials Would Not Be Surprised If Mediation Conference Quit Today.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario, June 20.—General Villa has proclaimed Gen. Felipe Angeles provisional President of Mexico, according to advices received here by the Mexican delegates. They said they had received advices denying that General Carranza and General Villa had patched up their differences.

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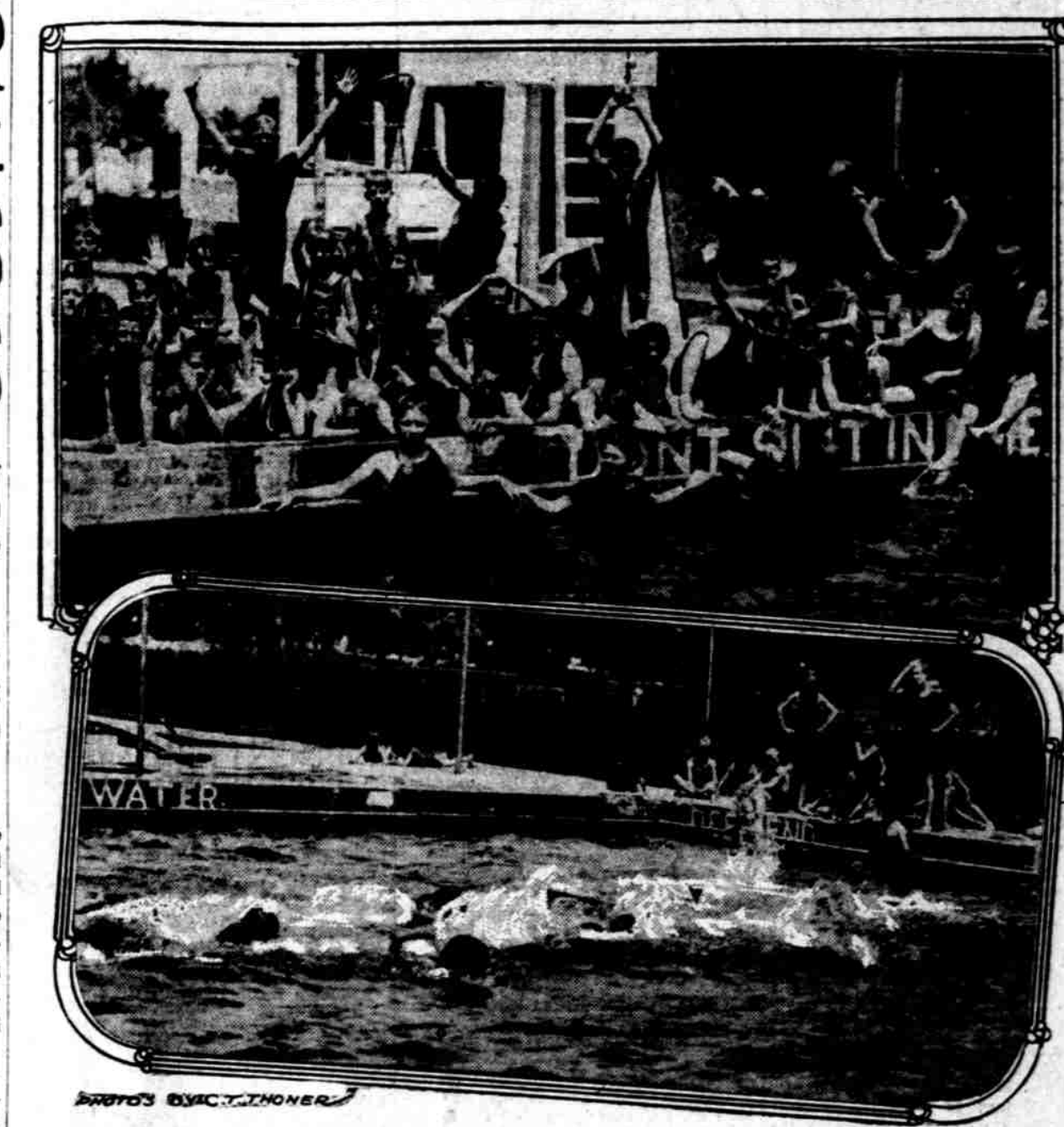
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JOY IN SEASON'S FIRST SWIM AT BEACH



Aeroplane Splits Dirigible; 9 Killed

Austrian Army Pilot During Maneuvers Near Vienna Attempts to Pass Over Cigar-Shaped Craft, But Cuts Her Hull in Twain—Watchers Witness Disaster 2,500 Feet in Air.

VIENNA, June 20.—For the first time in history an aeroplane rammed an airship here today, resulting in nine deaths and the destruction of both aircraft.

The great Austrian military dirigible "The Parseval," 2,500 feet high, was rammed amidstships by a military aeroplane.

The dirigible caught fire and collapsed with its seven doomed occupants. The aeroplane crashed to earth, killing both pilot and observer.

The spectacular accident happened above the aviation field between Enzersdorf and Fischamend, just outside Vienna. The giant dirigible was soaring about under perfect control and the aeroplane, apparently, also was going well.

Suddenly watchers below saw the aeroplane swerve nearly at right angles and dash toward the giant flier. Swift as lightning the smaller aircraft dashed against the big cigar-shaped balloon and struck it fair in the center.

Instantly a great flare of fire was seen to burst from the wreckage and the two craft fell toward the earth in a tangled mass, a long ribbon of flame streaming out behind them as they fell to the earth.

CHARRED BEYOND RECOGNITION.

The nine who perished fell within a few feet of each other, and were picked up charred almost beyond recognition. Among the dead was Captain von Blaskow, perhaps the most prominent airman in Austria.

It was believed some accident to the steering gear of the aeroplane caused the disaster.

Besides Captain von Blaskow, four lieutenants, one naval officer, one civil engineer, and two mechanics comprised the dead in the record crash.

The fatal crash came in working out an aerial problem for the war department. The aeroplane, which carried Lieutenant Platz, as pilot, and Naval Lieutenant Buchta, as observer, was attempting to pass over the dirigible cut her hull in twain, and the explosion and disaster followed.

Liner Bismarck Launched.
HAMBURG, Germany, June 20.—A sea giantess larger than the Vaterland, was launched here today in the presence of the Kaiser. The great vessel was christened the Bismarck by the Countess Hanna von Bismarck, granddaughter of the Iron Chancellor. The ship will be used in the Atlantic trade by the Hamburg-American line.

Summer Tours Via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Daily to Jersey shore, Adirondack Mountains and all New York, New England and Canadian Provinces—Nova Scotia and Quebec, and Allegheny Mountain Resorts, also to Western Points. If contemplating a rail or water trip for pleasure or on business, consult agents at 15th St. & N. Y. Ave., or 618 Pennsylvania Ave. They will help you—Advt.

F. L. SIDMONS TO FILL PLACE ON HIGH COURT OF THE DISTRICT

District Commissioner to Be Nominated by the President to Fill Vacancy Left by Justice Barnard.

Choice Ends Long Contest to Win Seat on Bench for Lamar, and Leaves New Position to Be Filled.

Frederick L. Siddons, at present a member of the Board of Commissioners for the District, will be named by President Wilson to the Supreme bench of the District to succeed Associate Justice Job Barnard, who is retiring from the bench, according to reliable information obtained today by The Times.

Mr. Siddons, who was appointed one of the District Commissioners by President Wilson last summer, now receives a salary of \$5,000 a year. As a member of the Supreme bench he would receive \$6,000, and the appointment is for life.

Ends Long Contest.
The selection of Mr. Siddons for the place marks the end of a long contest made by Senator Blair Lee of Maryland to land the appointment for George Lamar, of Rockville, Md. Inasmuch, however, as the President already had nominated Congressman J. Harry Covington, of Maryland, to the vacancy on the local bench caused by the death of the late Chief Justice Claiborne, he was not desirous of naming another man from the same State to the Barnard vacancy.

The delay in finding a man suitable for the place caused the President and the Attorney General considerable concern, as both were aware of the fact that owing to the death of Judge Claiborne, the retirement of Judge Barnard, and the impending proceedings against Judge Wright, the docket of the Supreme bench was becoming choked with business.

At this juncture friends of Commissioner Siddons, including, it is understood, his name, Messrs. Newman and S. F. Newman, suggested to the President that he would make an admirable member of the bench. The President is said to have seized upon the suggestion.

Creates New Vacancy.
With his promotion to the bench, it is expected that a strong contest will be made for the vacancy on the District Commission. Last summer when the President was considering the appointment of the members of the commission, there was a long list of applicants.

The President, however, disregarded the efforts of friends of the applicants to bring political influence to bear on him, and named Messrs. Newman and Siddons, because of his conviction that both were in sympathy with his desire to make the District government a model one for other cities to pattern after. It is assumed that a similar search will be made by him in naming Mr. Siddons' successor.

ASQUITH REJECTS PLEA FOR SUFFRAGE

Hears Deputation of Women, But Refuses to Introduce Bill They Support.

LONDON, June 20.—Although for the first time, Premier Asquith, today, received a deputation urging "votes for women," he flatly refused to accede to their demands that he introduce a suffrage bill in parliament.

The premier received six East End working women at his official residence, while in the street outside a great crowd boomed and cheered him. George Lansbury accompanied the women but Sylvia Pankhurst, whose demand on the steps of the house of commons, Thursday, forced the concession, did not attend the conference.

Asquith listened carefully and patiently while the women argued that woman suffrage would solve England's present distressing economic condition.

At the end of their statements, he said that he did not agree with their views and could not change the determination of the government not to introduce the suffrage bill "at this time."

Asquith promised the East End women that he would confer with Home Secretary McKenna on the subject, but he unconditionally refused. He also promised careful consideration of the claims by the women that forcible feeding has been brutally practiced.

Wet Street Causes Motor To Skid Against Pole

An electric light pole at Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest was demolished late yesterday, when an automobile truck owned by Luther Elliott, of Falls Church, Va., crashed into it. The wet pavement caused the machine to skid. Mr. Elliott, who was driving, was uninjured.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.

Met at noon.
Judiciary and Interstate Commerce Committee work on trust bill.

Senator Owen speaks on legislation to clarify American politics.
Indian bill further considered.

HOUSE.
Met at noon.
Resumed debate on sundry civil appropriation bill.
Wright impeachment investigation resumed.